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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In order to fulfill the requirements of candor and good faith set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant submits herewith the following Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98.

Attached hereto is Form PTO/SB/08a listing references which may be considered material in evaluating the patentability of the claims of the above-identified application. Copies of the documents listed under "Foreign Patent Documents" are attached hereto.

These references were cited in the corresponding Japanese application, Japanese

Application No. JP2005520675. Full copies of the cited references are provided herewith. Upon

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request, full copies of the English-translated references will be furnished. Except as being cited

in the above-mentioned Japanese application, the exact relevance of certain references is

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